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DISTRICT CIVILIZATION.

If there ever was a disgrace and mockery to civilization in the District of Columbia, it was fully demonstrated on last Monday, when an attempt was made to have a street parade in honor of the 35th anniversary celebration of the Emancipation of slaves in the District of Columbia. And to the surprise of the many thousands intelligent citizens, the board of school trustees assisted in augmenting the disgrace and mockery by closing our public schools all day, thus permitting thousands of young children to parade the sidewalks, the cross streets and every other available place to witness the farce of a parade. In years gone by, when parades were looked upon with admiration, when reputable citizens took part irrespective of color, our schools would only close one-half a day.

What was demonstrated on Monday? A display of ignorance. Was there the slightest attempt to show to civilization that the negro had improved since his 35 years of freedom? Did that parade set up the standard of District civilization among the colored people? For four months or more a set of sharks have been soliciting funds from the white citizens, ostensibly for a street parade.

There was at least 15000 or more dollars collected and not one-fifth was appropriated to the management that had charge of the celebration. If the white people, in this community would cease contributing to irresponsible persons, their money, the community would not be disgraced by these street parades. THE BEE ventures the assertion that not one colored person contributed five cents to that apology of a parade on Monday.

The best portion of the money that is collected is put into the pockets of the collectors. They either spend it for whisky, new suits of clothes and indeed some of them go so far as to pay their house rent or purchase bed room furniture.

We blame the colored school trustees for recommending to the Commissioners the closing of the schools. The spectacle in both of the Police Courts on Tuesday morning was disgraceful. Some were charged with snatching money, others with disorderly conduct, while some others were charged and convicted of carrying guns and shooting. There were fights on the grounds and elsewhere. We don't condemn the celebration of the Emancipation of the slaves, but we do condemn the manner in which it is celebrated.

One would suppose that the progress of the negro would be shown since his emancipation. His progress in industrial and mechanical arts, in literature, in art and in science. The money that is contributed should be appropriated to the Home for Friendless Women and Children, or to the Colored Orphan's Home. Instead of closing the schools on such occasions, let appropriate exercises be held in commemoration of the day. Instead of a Douglass, Bruce and Langston day in our schools, let their memories be celebrated in connection with Emancipation day. Select some large hall and have an

industrial fair and exhibit the progress of the negro since his emancipation. Let street parades be abolished.

WILL STRIKE THE BLOW

The President and Congress have at last come to an understanding and war is practically declared. The system of mobilization is going on rapidly and patriotism is increasing in intensity every day. Spain in her dastardly conduct has diplomatedized itself into a dilemma out of which she will hardly emerge without much smoke and rents in her garments. The President in his usual wise manner will conduct a vigorous campaign and Congress will not be behind in responding to every demand. The colored soldiers are at the front and thousands of valiant colored men are still waiting for Uncle Sam to say, "come on boys," and a howling response will be forth coming.

AFRO-AMERICAN LEAGUE.

There has been a great deal of talk of organizing an Afro-American League. We have a very strong one in the State of Pennsylvania, and it is composed of young representative colored men. Our good friend, Mr. James L. Goodall, is chairman of the executive community, and he is a very level-headed man. Now, if there could be a national organization with a level-headed man as its president, we have no doubt but that it would amount to something. We need a man at its head who is not looking for an office, and one who will not attempt to sell out to some political party in consideration of the hope of getting an office. That has been the trouble with all negro organizations. We have good material, from which we can select some good man, and it is hoped that immediate steps will be taken to establish a national body.

FOR CONGRESS.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones, a young member of the District bar, is being urged for Congress from his district in Virginia, where he was born and reared. Mr. Jones is a young man of brilliant parts, and it is hoped that his constituents may be successful in electing him if nominated.

There is one thing certain. Mr. Jones is a progressive young man, and if he succeeds in securing the nomination he will have the support of THE BEE.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The message of the President that was sent to the Senate in the last few days was no doubt a surprise to both branches of Congress as well as to those who want war. President McKinley is only a man after all, and he was right to throw the responsibility of a war on Congress. Now that Congress has it, let it act.

TOO MUCH SENTIMENT.

There is entirely too much sentiment in the personnel of the colored public schools of this city. Some of the eighth grade teachers should be changed to enable the principal in the High School to turn out competent pupils. Some of our trustees are aware that a change in some of these schools is absolutely necessary, and yet they will not remove them. The colored High School is in need of reformation. There should be a few changes there for its benefit. The four colored trustees, who have been made a sub-committee of their own High School, should certainly make a move towards reformation.

The colored soldiers will fight.

There is a disposition to put the colored soldiers in the lead.

The white schools will receive a large appropriation for the industrial department, while the colored schools received only a small one.

Emancipation Day parades are coming to be nuisances.

EMANCIPATION DAY.

Again Emancipation Day has been celebrated, and once more we have had an exhibition of folly and almost madness never shown before. With everything in its favor the procession proved to be a dismal failure, being no longer than the length of a short square and as motley as anything ever before seen or heard of. The management may find something to be proud of, but they can gather no consolation from the better class of people, who have had no scruples about calling it a mere farce and a disgrace to the city of Washington. Monday's proceeding furnishes a very strong reason why such parades should be discontinued. We have contended for years that street parades never have and never will amount to much as an expression of thoughtful appreciation of an important event. For the most part, such demonstrations merely furnish designing men the means of cheap advertisement, with a resultant loss in many ways to the people whom they profess to represent. THE BEE suggested last year and in previous years the propriety of discontinuing street parades and the importance of holding appropriate exercises in public halls. By this means the event may be fully analyzed and discussed and the lessons growing out of it fully emphasized. Our children, instead of being allowed to run the street after a miserable and half equipped brass band might well hold exercises in the schools commemorative of the emancipation.

GIVE US A CHANCE.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE JUDGES.
To the Judges of the Supreme Court,
District of Columbia.

Having the most abiding faith in your honesty, integrity and fairness, I desire to suggest to you for your immediate consideration a few remarks. Ever since the foundation of this government and the judiciary, the Afro-American members of the bar, have been very considerate and unselfish in their demands for recognition. Your bar association is composed of some of the most brilliant men in this country, and I believe that they are conservative enough to endorse the sentiments of this letter to your distinguished body.

You are aware that every branch of our judiciary is presided over by an Anglo-Saxon and is liable to be unless you see fit to give one member of the Afro-American legal profession a chance. During the summer months, the honorable judges of the Police Court, will take a month's vacation. One will go to the cool and placid hills of Maine, while the other will summer at his home in the mountains of West Virginia.

I thought that it would not be out of place if your honorable body, would place on the bench an Afro-American member of the bar and see with what dignity he will display and the disposition of fines or sentences on persons who may be brought before him. I hope therefore, that you will consider these suggestions in the most friendly manner and believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,
The Editor.

SELF CONSTITUTED.

The committee of colored residents of this city, purporting to represent every State and territory in the United States, called upon President McKinley on last Wednesday morning and offered the services of 9,000,000 negroes for Cuban independence, and to assure the President that these negroes are all loyal to the flag.

If this self-constituted committee would only reflect for a moment it would see how ridiculous such a statement reads.

Every negro who is an American citizen is pledged to support the constitution of the United States, and by virtue of that pledge he stands ready to fight to sustain the constitution. What THE BEE contends is that the American negro needs protection himself, and he does not hesitate to fight his enemy or offer his life for his country if his government will guarantee protection to him.

We have had enough of a few colored men, who have no constituency whatever, arrogating to themselves to speak for the millions of loyal negroes in the United States.

H. S. ADLER.

Are you ready to save money, if so, call at Adler's Shoe Store, who keeps the largest Shoe Store in the Southwest, his place is on the corner of 4th and E streets Southwest.

W. L. PRICE.

One of the best, if not the best photographers in this city is Mr. W. L. Price, at 723 7th street northwest. This is the only place in the city where pictures of citizens are properly taken. Mr. Price with his competent corps of assistants, will give you satisfaction. Give him a trial.

PUBLIC OPINION.

DRAWING THE COLOR LINE.

The following is a copy of an invitation received by Gen. H. L. Street, and his answer to it.

Hdprs. Committee on Visitors Masonic Fair.

City, April, 4, 1898.

Commander-in-chief, U. V. U.
Dear Sir:—A cordial invitation is extended to you and through you to the officers and members of your various unions, to attend the National Masonic Fair and Exposition on the evening of April 22, which has been set aside as the night on which to receive your and kindred organizations. Permit me to inform you that this invitation is only intended to apply to the white organizations, kindly inform me if it will be your pleasure to accept.

Thomas P. Morgan,
Chairman on Visitors.

Hdprs. National Command Union Vet. Union.—Washington, D. C.

Thomas P. Morgan,
Sir:—Your kind invitation to visit the National Masonic Fair and Exposition April 22, at hand, we should be most delighted to do so, only your invitation excludes some of our membership, (those of color.) During the dark days of the war these comrades of color stood shoulder to shoulder with us and did their share of the fighting, we as comrades cannot consent now in time of peace to ignore them.

Yours respectfully,
H. L. Street,
Commander-in-chief, U. V. U.

A COURT OF JUSTICE.

JUDGE SCOTT'S GOOD ADVICE.

There is no man on the bench that seems to win the plaudits of the people more than his honor, Judge Scott, who is now presiding over the lower branch of the Police Court. During the week Judge Scott has tried several hundred disorderly cases which has distinguished him. In disposing of a case in the Police on Tuesday, he remarked in vigorous language; addressing himself to the officers, said; he wanted it understood "that his court was a court of justice and not one of persecution; that he didn't know what the officers instructions were, but he didn't want police officers to make cases, or go around hunting up cases, because some one informs an officer that he heard some one swear or use indecent language would not be sufficient. He didn't want arrests made for disorderly conduct, unless the public peace was disturbed. It is important to have witnesses when an officer makes an arrest. I am disgusted, said Judge Scott, with the number of disorderly cases I have tried yesterday, Monday and to-day, which were very trifling, I again state, this is a court of justice."

COLORED EDITORS SPLIT.

COL. PLEDGER OF GEORGIA, KICKS HIS PARTNER OUT.
From the Augusta, Ga., Union.

We see from the Southern Age of last week that Messrs. Hagler and Pledger have dissolved partnership. Col. Pledger taking the entire outfit, leaving Mr. Hagler the office. We regret the rupture between these gentlemen and hope for an amicable adjustment of existing differences.

Editor Hagler who assures the public that the Age will continue to issue, gives his version of the affair in a long, hot-tempered editorial. We have not yet seen Col. Pledger's side of the affair, hence we are not disposed to say who is right. In fact it is a business transaction between two individuals in which the public is not greatly interested. However, it seems from Editor Hagler's statement that Col. Pledger had bought and paid for the plant, hence his right to remove same at will should not be questioned.

Perhaps Col. Pledger was opposed to furnishing the outfit for a paper which was constantly abusing and misrepresenting the trusted party and race leaders of this State.

THINKING OUR WAY.

From the Indianapolis, Ind. World.

Brother Benjamin of the Standard as well as Brother Chase of the Bee are right. A newspaper to amount to anything must have opinions of its own with the courage to express them boldly and the ability to maintain its views. The lickspittle, slobbering kind of newspaper is a nuisance. Above all, a newspaper should be independent in the true sense of the word. That is, it should have the nerve to express its honest views, without regard to outside considerations, especially those of party. What ruins most so-called newspapers is that they are servile organs of some party. They make all their contests subservient to what they regard as their duty to their party. They lie for it, suppress facts for it, cringe for it, deceive for it and in every way make themselves slaves to it. They are afraid to call their souls their own unless they have consulted some party boss or local leader. A thick and thin party organ is simply a paid liar, whose views cannot be excepted or trusted by people who want to know the actual facts of a particular case; let it hurt whom it may. This is true not only of the negro press but of the white press as well. The organ business has ruined thousands of papers and is the bane of the press. You can tell twenty years ahead what an organ is going to say on any public question. It will always be for party.

PATRIOTS.

Col. J. W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury, is ready to raise a regiment of 5000 southern negroes.

Col. M. M. Holland will go provided he is commissioned and given a leave of absence. He doesn't expect to be killed.

There are other patriotic citizens with a string tied to them. The editor of THE BEE will show his patriotism by characterizing the valor of the patriots.

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THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

Colored patriots cut their strings.
John Nalle supervising principal.
District republicans taken care of.
Bob Keys appointed to a good place.

Emancipation day parade abolished.
A colored judge fill the recess term.
T. L. Jones come to Congress.

Reforms in the High and Normal schools.

The colored press independent.

Chief Clerk Sylvester promoted.

License Clerk Montague promoted to a good place.

A few colored men in the Health department.

THE BEE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

How long the black and lily whites of Louisiana will remain in the city.

If colored officers will be recognized in the army.

Why the Bethel literary didn't pass its resolutions.

Why colored lawyers cannot unite.

What the democratic party will do in 1900.

When the civil service law will be modified.

If the new Surgeon-in-chief of the Freedmen's Hospital will reorganize his department.

IT IS REMOVED.

The civil service law will be modified May 1st.

Public Printer Palmer will stand by the negro.

A colored bailiff will be appointed in the Police Court some day.

C. Maurice Smith will be recognized soon.

More changes will be made in the Recorder's office.

ROUND BAY.

The attention of the citizens Washington, societies, churches and other organizations, is called to the opening of Round Bay, the Palisades of the Chesapeake Bay. In another column of this paper will be seen the advertisement of this popular summer resort. This beautiful place, will be under a new management this year. Rev. S. R. Hughes, of Baltimore, Md., will have full charge of arranging for picnics and excursions. The citizens of this city are requested to apply at the office of THE BEE for any information they desire for the renting of these grounds. Rev. Hughes is one of the best known divines in Baltimore, and will do all in his power to make the people satisfied when they go to Round Bay.

IN THE COURTS.

Lawyer Ricks had an Italian week in court.

Justice E. M. Hewlett had a busy week.

Attorney R. S. Smith was busy in the equity court.

Attorney Sellers was not so busy the present week.

Attorney Campbell Carrington, has been doing the races, but not so much so that it has taken him out of the courts.

Mr. Frisby is becoming quite active. His business is on the increase.

Lawyer Thomas L. Jones is devoting some time to his canvass in Virginia. He will make the run.

The attack of the ministers has had but little effect on the colored attorneys. Their business seem to be on the increase.